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## Land Combat Expo 2005

1. The Land Combat Expo 2005 will be held 21 through 23 September 2005 on Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg. We should all be very excited about this year's Expo, which is USAREUR's premier professional-development forum. I encourage all members of the Army in Europe—Soldiers, families, and U.S. and local national civilian employees—to attend if you can.
2. The theme of this year's Expo is *USAREUR—At War Today and Transforming for the Future*. The Expo will help us all gain a better understanding of how USAREUR is fighting the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT), transforming the force, partnering with NATO, pursuing security-cooperation initiatives on the behalf of USEUCOM, taking care of our people, and training Soldiers while developing leaders.
3. We will have great speakers whose presentations will showcase the wide range of accomplishments of members of the Army in Europe, including—
  - Training and preparing Soldiers for deployments in support of the GWOT.
  - Security-cooperation events with Allied and partner nations.
  - Lessons learned from the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan.
  - How the Joint Multinational Training Center in Grafenwöhr incorporates lessons learned from the GWOT into its exercises and training.
  - Keeping families strong during deployments and reintegration.
4. General Barry R. McCaffery (USA Retired) will speak on prosecuting the GWOT, and Lieutenant General Edward Pitryk, commander of the Polish Land Forces, will present an international perspective on the GWOT.
5. There will be displays from many of our Allied and partner nations, including Afghanistan, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, and the United Kingdom. I encourage you to take some time to speak to the representatives from these nations, hear their insights, and help them learn about USAREUR.
6. Make sure you see the Stryker vehicle on display, with its combat-tested crew. A brigade combat team equipped with this transformational vehicle will soon become part of the force that USAREUR can deploy to support combatant commanders.

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7. We will also have over a hundred vendors and display booths at which our profession of arms will be showcased. You will not want to miss the many exciting and futuristic offerings by the wide range of professionals, activities, and equipment found at these booths.

8. This is a dynamic period in the history of USAREUR. We are heavily involved in the war in Iraq and Afghanistan and engaged in other operations across the 91-country USEUCOM area of responsibility. While we are engaged in the war, we are restructuring and transforming our forces into more lethal, agile, joint-capable forces. These forces will be strategically positioned at four main operating bases, which will be great locations with great facilities for Soldiers and their families. We also are preparing to host rotational forces from CONUS at forward operating sites, which will provide additional robust capability to our permanently assigned forces. At the same time, we will continue to take care of all members of the Army in Europe while sustaining our proven excellence in training and leader development.

9. Come to the Land Combat Expo 2005 to learn and better understand how we in USAREUR will accomplish our complex missions while setting the course to achieve our Vision. Engage in professional discussions, share ideas with fellow Soldiers and the representatives from Allied and partner nations, and ask questions. Above all, enjoy and make the most of this tremendous opportunity for professional development. The more you know, the better prepared you will be to execute with excellence Any Mission, Anywhere.



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